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Congressman Honda Addresses California Council for International Trade Conference

Monterey, CA— U.S. Congressman Mike Honda (D-San Jose) today shared his vision for the future of U.S. trade policy with policy experts, industry leaders and fellow Members of Congress at a forum sponsored by the California Council for International Trade (CCIT). Honda expressed his support for a trade policy that will expand opportunity for U.S. high-tech businesses abroad, stressed the importance of public/private collaboration and the need to educate the public about the connection international trade has to the local economy.

“It is essential that we formulate a sensible and cohesive trade policy for the United States so that our high-tech businesses can continue to flourish,” said Honda. **“The consensus needed to make this policy a reality can only be reached if the government, advocacy groups and industry work together to make sure that we and our communities understand the connection that our trade policy has to our quality of life— this conference is an important step in that direction.”**

CCIT is a statewide organization dedicated to advocating U.S. trade policy to open overseas markets for the benefit of California producers of goods and services that need those markets to fuel California's economic growth. CCIT is also a statewide coalition of California's leading voices supporting free and open international trade policy. CCIT's network partners include large and small manufacturers, exporters and importers, providers of financial, technological, transportation and entertainment services, along with educators and former federal and state trade officials.

“As we enter the 21st century, our trade policy must enable our high-tech businesses to succeed in the global economy by aggressively opening new markets while making sure that all the stakeholders have a meaningful voice at the table,” continued Honda. **“As the world's sole remaining superpower, we have an obligation to ensure that our trade policy protects not only corporate rights and copyrights but human rights, workers rights and the environment as well. I believe this can be done.”**